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ROADS DIVIDE COAL TRAFFIC

Six Railways Control Bituminous Trade Investigation Shows.

GLASGOW WAS ONCE COUNSEL FOR N. & W.

President Stephens of the Chesapeake and Ohio, in an interview, sketches history of alleged "community of interests."

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 10.—That the bituminous coal traffic is divided among six railroad companies developed today at the first hearing of the Interstate Commerce Commission in Philadelphia. It was shown that the trunk lines are interested directly or indirectly in the coal or oil they carry. Officials of the Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia and Reading were examined and others have been summoned.

The principal witnesses today were Upton H. White, statistician of the Tidewater Steam Bituminous Coal Traffic Association; W. W. Atterbury, general manager of the Pennsylvania; Joseph G. Seales, its traffic manager; and Theodore Voorhees, vice-president of the Reading Company.

Through these witnesses it was brought out that the Pennsylvania, the Reading, the Beech Creek Division of the New York Central, the Baltimore and Ohio, the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Norfolk and Western are members of the coal traffic association organized in 1896. It was shown that they have an agreement by which each is allotted a proportion of soft coal tonnage.

Statistician's Testimony

Mr. White was the first witness. He explained that it is his duty to gather statistics of Tidewater tonnage and to compute monthly the percentage of coal each road is entitled to move. Requested for further particulars, he presented a copy of the by-laws of the association. It was shown that the association was organized on February 5, 1896, and that during the same month and year the Pennsylvania, the New York Central, the Baltimore and Ohio, the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Norfolk and Western railroads signed agreements of membership. The by-laws indicated that it did business in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, Newport News, Elizabethport, Harborside, Port Reading, St. George, and other ports. Mr. White brought out that the traffic association was organized so that rates might be fixed and adjusted and mutual protection afforded. Mr. Glasgow called attention to the fact that several pages were missing from the pamphlet. Mr. White said he was not aware that any pages had been torn out, but would endeavor to produce the missing portions.

Bureau Maintained

J. G. Seales, coal traffic manager of the Pennsylvania, testified that a statistical bureau was maintained in Philadelphia for the purpose of compiling statistics of coal moved to the west and middle west.

In reply to a question by Mr. Glasgow, he said the parties to the all-rail association are the Pennsylvania Railroad, the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh and some of the Ohio roads.

Mr. Glasgow asked why they wanted to know this—whether it was for the purpose of dividing up the traffic. The witness said it was not, and Mr. Glasgow asked what conclusion was reached. Mr. Seales said that it was decided that there was no necessity for the roads to make any change in the rates.

First Vice-President Voorhees, of the Reading Company, said his company got its coal from the Fairmont Coal Company, an Ohio company, at \$1.50 or \$1.60 a ton. It also had purchased from the Baltimore and Ohio and the Pennsylvania Railroads. Mr. Voorhees was excused after agreeing to furnish a statement showing the amount of coal purchased by the Reading Company since 1891.

W. W. Atterbury, general manager of the Pennsylvania Railroad, promised to furnish a statement showing how much coal his company had purchased, and from whom.

"NO COMBINATION" SAYS PRES. STEVENS

Head of C. & O. Gives History of the Community of Interests.

President George W. Stevens, of the Chesapeake and Ohio, in discussing the evidence given by U. H. White, statistician of the Tidewater Steam Bituminous Coal Traffic Association, in Philadelphia yesterday before the Interstate Commerce Commission, said that the association was formed in 1895, when the various coal-carrying roads were cutting each other's throats in the matter of coal rates.

"The 'coalers,' he said, got together and agreed to divide tonnage.

This was done before there was any legislation on the subject.

Lasted Only a Year.

The agreement lasted little more than a year, the association having practically dissolved in 1897, and in 1899 was absolutely out of existence.

Mr. Stevens stated that he became president of the Chesapeake and Ohio in February, 1900, and that an agreement was then in operation, not that there had been any since that time.

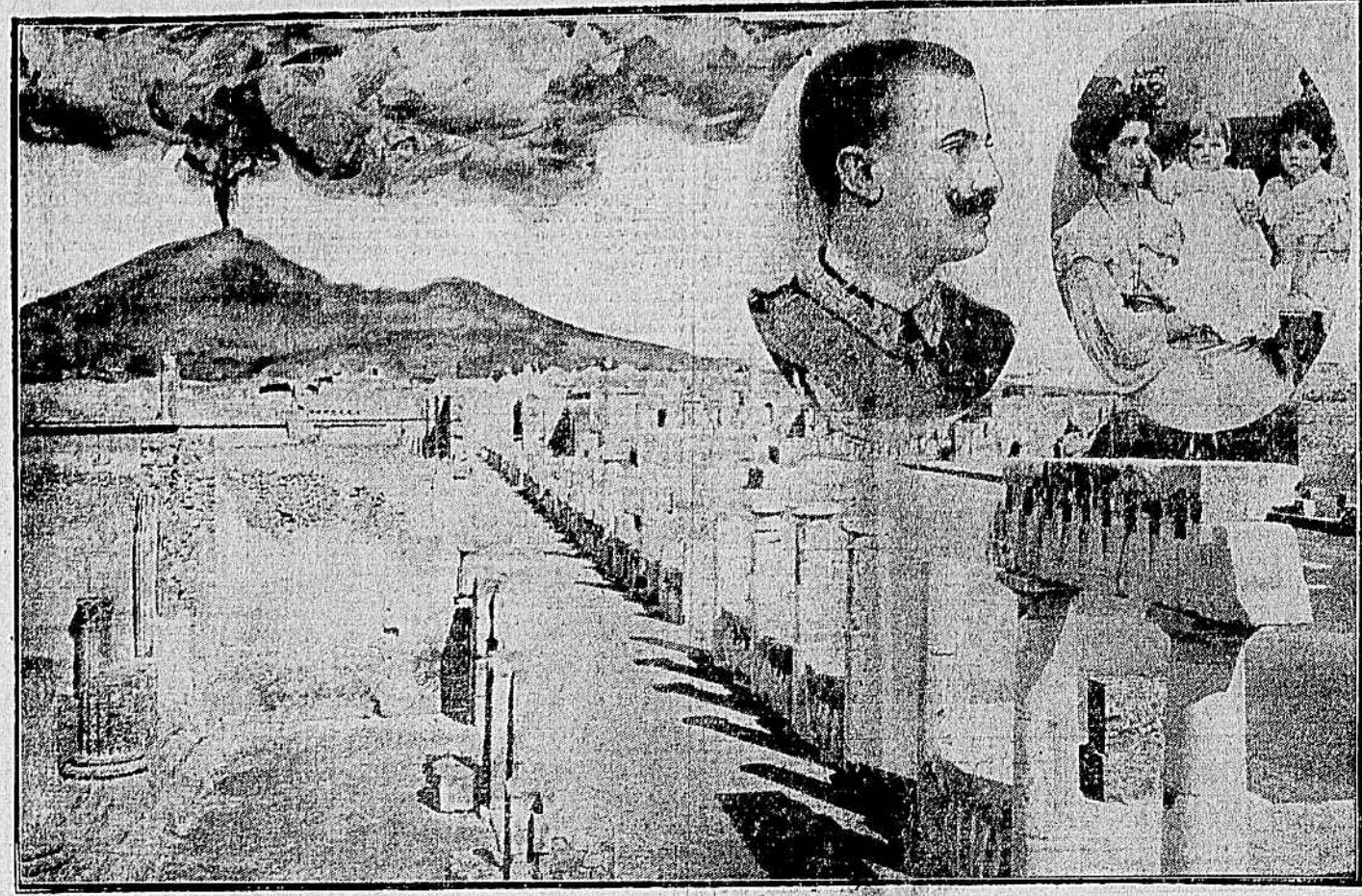
Mr. Stevens said:

"History of Decision."

"About ten years ago, or four years prior to the date of the alleged 'com-

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VESUVIUS RESUMES ACTIVITY; LIST OF DEAD GROWING; NAPLES IN FRENZY



This picture shows the ruins of Pompeii as they were left after the historic eruption of Vesuvius. The terrible volcano is seen in the near background. The royal children are seen in the picture of the Queen.

RATE BILL FIGHT NOW NEARING END

Significant Suggestion Made By Hale, Indicating Possibility of Early Vote.

BAILEY SPEAKS FOUR HOURS

Replies to Spooner and Knox and Receives Congratulations of Colleagues.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, April 10.—For more than four hours today Mr. Bailey held the undivided attention of the Senate with a speech in reply to Mr. Spooner and Mr. Knox and just before its conclusion there was a significant suggestion from Mr. Hale indicating the possibility of an understanding and an early vote on the railroad rate bill.

The day was one of the most notable in the recent history of the Senate. Very few Senators were absent at any time during the day and every seat in the galleries, public, private, senatorial, executive and diplomatic, was held by its occupant with marked tenacity. Many members of the House of Representatives also crowded into the Senate chamber. Mr. Bailey was congratulated by many of his colleagues of both parties.

Hale's Suggestion.

The close attention given throughout the four hours was all the more marked in view of the legal character of the argument. Mr. Bailey set out at the very beginning of his speech the main points of his contention that Congress has power to deny to the inferior United States courts the right to suspend the orders of the Interstate Commerce Commission pending the final decision of cases arising under the proposed law.

This he underlined by pointing out the numerous decisions of the courts and quoting many other authorities. These citations were interspersed with his comment.

Mr. Hale announced his willingness to accept the amendment, amendment and expressed confidence that if Mr. Bailey would on the other hand agree to a broad court review there would be comparatively little difficulty in reaching a compromise.

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LUNATIC THREATENS JUDGE REEVES' LIFE

When He Had Gone for Assistance the Man Burned His Residence.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

DISPUTANTA, Va., April 10.—Peter Hill, a colored man, living on the farm of ex-Judge Timothy Reeves, of this county, in a fit of insanity, brought on the study of religion, entered the house of the judge about 1 o'clock last night and exclaimed that he had come to kill him.

The judge knowing the old man and thinking so much of him, would not shoot him, but instead rushed from the house to get the assistance of neighbors, and while he was away the negro set fire to every room of the house, and when he returned the fire was beyond control.

The house and entire contents were a total loss. No insurance was carried on anything. A commission of lunacy was held this afternoon and the negro put in jail for safe-keeping. The judge is prostrated.

FEARFUL WRECK NEAR EXMORE

Passenger Train Dashes Full Speed Into Rear Portion of Broken Freight Train.

ENGINEER AND FIREMAN DEAD

The Passengers Badly Shaken Up But None of Them Seriously Hurt.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ONLEY, Va., April 10.—A frightful wreck occurred near Exmore, on the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad this morning about five o'clock. The Norfolk and Cape Charles express freight No. 1 was running south on regular mail train schedule when on reaching Exmore a coupling broke or drawhead pulled out, and a number of cars were loosened from the train. Owing to the fast speed the freight was making, the separation of the train was unnoticeable for a few fatal minutes when the flagman in the rear end of the freight did discover the accident he quickly tried to flag the Old Point mail express, which was following closely behind, bound in the same direction. His efforts were, however, in vain, as the engineer on the express was unable to see the signal owing to a thick fog.

The express running at the rate of fifty miles an hour, soon overtook the section of cars that had broken away. A terrific crash followed and resulted in the death of the engineer and fireman of the express, Daniel Parker, of Delmar, and respectively. Both men were efficient and highly regarded in the service.

Their bodies were terribly crushed and mangled and their identity was almost impossible. Their remains were carried to their respective homes on the noon express, today, accompanied by a number of railroad men as a guard of honor.

ONLEY, Va., April 10.—The passengers on the train were bruised and badly shaken up but no one was seriously injured.

A number of cars were derailed but connections were restored in about six hours.

TRY TO LYNCH NEGRO WHO STRIKES A LADY

New York Man, Infuriated By Negro's Brutal Conduct, Endeavor to Lynch Him.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, April 10.—Infuriated by a brutal attack by Albert Trotter, a negro, tonight on Miss Isabel Oliver, a resident of Alabama, passengers on a Ninth Avenue elevated train made a desperate attempt to lynch the negro, who was only rescued when a policeman fought his way into the car and held the crowd at bay with his revolver. Miss Oliver was holding a mirror in the center of the car when the negro lurched against her, and on her requesting him to be more careful, he struck her in the face, splitting her nose, blackening both her eyes and knocking her down. Instantly fully fifty men rushed on the negro, raining blows on him and shouting "lynch him!"

The negro managed to defend himself until a station was reached, when a policeman boarded the car and after a hard fight dragged his prisoner out.

DOWIE CHEERED BY GREAT THROG

Holds Conference With Counsel and Delays Advance Upon Zion City.

EXCITEMENT AT STATION

Both Sides Firm and Look for Bitter Fight When Clash Comes.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, April 10.—Dr. John Alexander Dowie will not advance on the "Hosts of Zion" as suddenly as he expected. Tonight, after a long consultation with his legal adviser, Emil C. Wetten, Dowie gave out the statement that it might be several days before he saw fit to enter the city which he had founded.

"The First Apostle" arrived in the city of Chicago this morning shortly before 9 o'clock, completing the first stage of his journey from Mexico to the City of Zion, where he is to face his accusers. An immense crowd was at the station to greet the self-styled "Elijah III." He was in the best of spirits and health at the time, and before leaving the car cracked several jokes with a number of newspaper correspondents gathered about him. Escorting by a number of loyal followers, who had hoarded the train at Englewood, a suburb of Chicago, he made his way to the end of the train and stepped down on the station platform.

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THE WEATHER

Virginia—Fair Wednesday and Thursday, light north winds, becoming variable.

Richmond—Fair Wednesday and Thursday; light to fresh west winds, becoming variable.

Conditions Yesterday.

Range of the thermometer: 75 9 A. M. 57 6 P. M. 75 12 M. 62 9 P. M. 58 3 P. M. 54 12 midnight 58 Average.....60-1-3.

Highest temperature yesterday.....77 Lowest temperature yesterday.....46 Mean temperature yesterday.....61.5 Normal temperature for April.....65 Departure from normal temperature.....-5.5

Thermometer This Day Last Year

9 A. M. 75 6 P. M. 40 12 M. 52 9 P. M. 38 3 P. M. 55 12 midnight 38

Conditions in Important Cities.

(All S. P. M. Eastern Time.)

Place.	Ther.	High.	Weather.
Albany, N. Y.	66	71	Clear
Annapolis, Md.	75	78	Cloudy
Buffalo, N. Y.	56	76	Cloudy
Chicago, Ill.	44	48	P. cloudy
Cincinnati, O.	44	62	Clear
Cleveland, O.	44	62	Clear
Detroit, Mich.	45	66	Clear
Hartford, Conn.	41	70	Clear
Jacksonville, Fla.	51	80	Cloudy
Kansas City, Mo.	61	68	Clear
Memphis, Tenn.	52	80	Clear
Mobile, Ala.	68	75	P. cloudy
Montgomery, Ala.	68	75	P. cloudy
Oklahoma City, Okla.	78	80	Clear
Pittsburg, Pa.	45	64	Clear
St. Louis, Mo.	50	66	Clear
St. Paul, Minn.	72	80	Cloudy
Vicksburg, Miss.	75	81	Clear
Washington, D. C.	66	78	Clear
Wilmington, Del.	68	78	Clear
Yellow Stone, Wyo.	48	50	Cloudy

Miniature Almanac.

April 11, 1906.
TIDE: High 11:00, Low 5:00.
MOON: Full 10:00, New 6:00.
MORNING: 6:00, Evening: 6:30.

GOV. SWANSON VISITS NORFOLK

Surveys the Site for the Virginia Building at Exposition Grounds.

COPY SOME VIRGINIA MANSION

The Work of Collecting a Splendid Exhibit of State Resources to Commence at Once.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, Va., April 10.—Governor Swanson arrived in Norfolk this afternoon and was in conference with the other Jamestown Exposition commissioners from this State almost all of the afternoon and early evening.

The commissioners again went to the exposition grounds this afternoon for the purpose of considering the best site for the Virginia building. The Governor not being here for the morning trip, as Virginia is to be the hostess of this occasion, the building commissioners decided shall occupy a central position in the grounds. The architecture of it is yet undetermined, but it is certain that it will be built after one of the famous old mansions of Virginia. Arlington seems to be the most favored at this time, although Mount Vernon is receiving a good share of the consideration.

It was decided by the commissioners that there shall be an excellent collection of exhibits of all Virginia's resources at the exposition, the best of the kind ever made by the State and one worthy of it, and the work of collecting this exhibit will commence at once.

It is the sense of the commissioners that the exhibit must be one that will attract the attention of all visitors to the exposition.

Governor Swanson is still in the city tonight, but will return to Richmond tomorrow.

BLEASE ACQUITTED IN ONE-DAY TRIAL

Dramatic Scene in Court As Senator Charged With Murder Told Story

(By Associated Press.)

COLUMBIA, S. C., April 10.—A special to the State from Columbia says: State Senator Eugene S. Blease, charged with the murder of his brother-in-law, Joe Ben Coleman, in October last, was acquitted tonight after a trial lasting over one day.

No more dramatic scene has ever been witnessed in the Saluda courthouse when friendship and love for Joe Ben Coleman, his associations for many years, his exertions to secure Coleman a position, and then the ruin of his home. At the conclusion of this dramatic scene, the jury was rendered even more dramatic when the defendant swooned dramatically when he was leaving the stand. He had to be carried to the jury room, where he remained during the entire time of the arguments, attended by a physician.

The arguments were concluded by 8 o'clock, at which time Judge Prince delivered his charge, the jury returning a verdict of not guilty at 9:30 o'clock tonight.

Blease and Coleman married sisters, and it was the alleged intimacy between Coleman and Blease's wife which led to the tragedy in October last.

Towns Wiped Out: People Driven Mad With Terror.

OVER 500 KILLED NEAR OTTAJANO

Collapse of Market Place in Naples Results in Death, Injury and Riot.

DIRECTOR CLINGING TO OBSERVATORY STILL

Duchess of Aosta Spends Entire Day Relieving Afflicted People—Streams of Lava Start Afresh—The Work of Rescue.

(By Associated Press.) NAPLES, April 11.—5:30 A. M.—A great eruption of sand is observed on the east side of the main crater this morning. This is worse than ashes as it is heavier. The ejection of ashes seems to have diminished.

Fresh shocks of earthquake are being felt, especially in the direction of Ottajano, Somma and Nocera. Fortunately the great amount of ashes on the ground seems to have counteracted the telluric action of the shocks. Another part of the main cone of the volcano has fallen in causing a great discharge of red hot stones, flames and smoke.

Reports from Sicily state that ashes from Mount Vesuvius are noticeable there.

(By Associated Press.)

ROME, April 10.—A dispatch from Naples to the Tribune, reports that 500 persons have perished in the district between Ottajano and San Giuseppe.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, April 12.—The President has sent by cable a message of condolence to the King of Italy, upon the havoc and loss of life resulting from the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

(By Associated Press.) NAPLES, April 10.—The volcano is resuming activity, especially at Cercola. The stream of lava which started anew in the direction of Torre Annunziata reached the cemetery of that town and then turned in the direction of Positano. The troops are conveying provisions, surgical accessories and material to be used for the relief of the injured in the vicinity of Ottajano. The work of rescue is being actively prosecuted. A violent storm of sulphurous rain occurred today at San Giuseppe, Vesuvius and Sarno.

Entire Families Perish.

April 11, 4 A. M.—There has been a considerable diminution in the fall of red volcanic sand since midnight.

The newspaper Pungolo today graphically describes a visit of a member of its staff to Ottajano San Giuseppe and Vesuvius. Ottajano was enveloped in black smoke. The troops are clearing the ruins, demolishing tottering buildings and re-establishing communications. Entire families perished in the town and terrible scenes occurred when refugees returned in search of missing relatives whose bodies are unrecognizable. The cemetery at San Giuseppe presents a tragic spectacle, people vainly searching there for missing relatives among heaps of dead. Sudden showers of hot ashes cause precipitate flight from the locality.

Signor Matteucci, the director of the observatory on Mount Vesuvius states that new small craters and fissures which have opened at several points, are likely to contribute to a diminution of the eruption, as they afford necessary outlets.

The ashes and cinders which fill air are causing much eye trouble, many persons in the worst afflicted districts being threatened with blindness.

All the bodies of those who were killed in the church at San Giuseppe on Monday have been recovered, the number being 165. Search is being made of the

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DR. SHALER, GEOLOGIST, DIES AFTER ILLNESS

A Scientist of World Wide Reputation Married Miss Sophia Page, of Virginia.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., April 10.—Professor Nathaniel Southgate Shaler, one of the best known members of Harvard faculty, with a worldwide reputation as a geologist and paleontologist, died today at 1:15 P. M., after a week's illness. He was born in Newport, Ky., and was a veteran of the Civil War, serving on General "Tison's" staff as chief of artillery under Burnside, and in repelling Bragg's invasion of Kentucky. He was also a factor in repelling Morgan's raid into Ohio. After the war he was made assistant in paleontology in the Harvard Museum of Comparative Zoology, and four years later was made a full professor. Since 1881 he had had full charge of the Atlantic Division of the United States Geological Survey, and had written many scientific works. He married Sophia P. Page, a member of a prominent Virginia family, and a relative of Thomas Nelson Page. His widow and two daughters survive him.

President Turpin Says Private Corporations Curse of Cities.

REPORT GOES OVER TILL WEDNESDAY

Board Concur in Resolution to Send Mayor to New Orleans to Invite Veterans Here.

Clark Spring Property Matter is Deferred.

At a protracted session, full of public interest, the Board of Aldermen last night disposed of a great mass of highly important work. Attention was sharply drawn to the report of the special committee which investigated conditions in the gas department, for which the Common Council Monday night adopted a substitute, placing the question of the proposed rehabilitation in the hands of the Light Commission, and after a fiery debate, this substitute was laid over along with the report until next Wednesday night.

By agreement, the proposition to sell the Clark Spring property to Miss Grace Arenis, was tabled until the next regular meeting, the opinion being expressed that the interests of Hollywood and Miss Arenis might come to an understanding in the meantime.

The board concurred in the resolution proposed by Mr. Pollock in the lower branch, requiring the Seaboard Air Line Railway to bring their general officers here, and like action was taken with reference to awarding the contract for the flume of the new settling basin.

Messrs. Blair, Burton and Grundy cast lots for the short term from Henry Ward, and the honor fell to the last named. After much persuasion by his colleagues, Colonel Grundy announced that he would stand for re-election in the primary.

The board, by a unanimous vote, concurred in the action of the lower branch appropriating \$150 to pay the expenses of Mayor McCarty, who will go to New Orleans to invite the Confederate Veterans to hold their next annual reunion in this city. His Honor will leave here on Sunday, April 22d, with a party of local veterans, and will remain through his return, which will be on Monday, April 23d. Further than this, His Honor has no definite plans, though he says he will not consume a great deal of time in officially extending the invitations. It is possible, though not definitely settled, that Governor Swanson will go and assist the Mayor in his mission.

One Spicy Debate.

The only real spicy debate last night was over Mr. Minor's motion to defer action on the report of the gas investigation committee, and most of the sharp talk on this subject was by President Turpin. The vote by which consideration was postponed was 11 to 8. Mr. Turpin declared vigorously for municipal ownership, and said he would as soon vote to close the City Hall as the gas works. He denounced private gas corporations, and said they were the curse and rot of city government. His opinion was seconded by Mr. Blair, who declared vigorously for municipal ownership, and said he would as soon vote to close the City Hall as the gas works. He denounced private gas corporations, and said they were the curse and rot of city government. His opinion was seconded by Mr. Blair, who declared vigorously for municipal ownership, and said he would as soon vote to close the City Hall as the gas works. He denounced private gas corporations, and said they were the curse and rot of city government.

Proceedings in Detail.

President Turpin called the board in order at 8:25 o'clock, and a quorum of the members of the body answered to their names.

A number of citizens were present, looking after the question of the sale of the Clark Spring property by the city, and Mr. John P. Branch, who recently offered the city \$25,000 for public baths, was also on the floor.

The report of the Street Committee was the first business called, and a good many of its provisions were of a routine nature and were disposed of without objection.

The committee on streets reported a number of matters, but most of them were referred to the committee on finance.

The report of the Ordinance Committee was considered at some length, and most of its recommendations adopted, though they were for the most part of a routine nature.

Mr. Minor called up the Mayor's veto with reference to exempting the American National Bank, from the general fire escape ordinance, and the chair (Mr. Turpin) acknowledged that on a former occasion he had made an improper ruling on the subject.

"The veto of the Mayor is therefore sustained," said Mr. Turpin, and the board proceeded with its regular business.

Clark Spring Again.

Mr. Blair called up out of its order the question of the sale of the Clark Spring property by the city at \$25,000 to Miss Grace Arenis, for playground purposes, and the resolution adopted by the lower branch was read by the clerk.

Mr. Blair said there seemed to be a possibility of the Hollywood people and Miss Arenis getting together upon a proposition satisfactory to all parties. He therefore moved to table until the next meeting the subject.

Mr. Blair followed briefly, and said he wanted, if possible, to get the conflicting interests together, and Mr. Seay, of Clay Ward, favored a motion to reconsider. He said there was no assurance that Miss Arenis would accept the proposition of the city, so far as he could learn.

Mr. Seay, of Monroe, seconded Mr. Blair's motion to table, and spoke briefly along this line.

Mr. Minor moved to commit to the Committee on Finance, and advocated this motion in a brief speech.

It was vigorously opposed by Mr. Dabney. He said there might be a possibility of the parties getting together, and he would not object to the motion to table, but that the Finance Committee did not desire to take the question up again.

Mr. Minor withdrew his substitute, and